

## Criteria for Set-Asides

### Notice of Small Business Set-Aside

Quotations are solicited only from small business concerns as defined in FAR, Part 19. A small business concern submitting a quotation in its own name agrees to furnish, in performing the purchase order, only end items manufactured or produced in the United States, including its territories and possessions, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the District of Columbia. Quotations received from concerns that are not small business concerns or small business concerns that cannot meet these domestic source end-item requirements will not be considered.

### Notice of 8(a) Set-Aside

Quotations are solicited only from small business concerns expressly certified by the Small Business Administration (SBA) for participation in the SBA's 8(a) program, and which meet the following criteria at the time of the quotation submission:

- 1 The NAICS code shown on the request for quotation is specifically included in the supplier's approved business plan;
- 2 The supplier is in conformance with the 8(a) support limitation set forth in its approved business plan; and
- 3 The supplier is in conformance with the business activity targets set forth in its approved business plan, or any remedial action directed by the SBA.

Quotations received from concerns that do not meet the above criteria will not be considered. **By submission of a quotation, the supplier certifies that it meets all of the criteria set forth above.**

### Notice of Local Trade Area Business Set-Aside

Consistent with Section 3161 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1993, the request for quotation is set aside exclusively for Local Trade Area Business Concerns. The "Local Trade Area" is defined to consist of Richmond and Columbia counties in Georgia, and Aiken, Allendale, and Barnwell counties in South Carolina. Quotations received from business concerns located outside the Local Trade Area will be considered only if such concerns agree to relocate within the defined five county Local Trade Area, and perform the work required by the purchase order in the five county area.

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**Notice of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concern Set-Aside**

"Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business concern," as used in this clause, means a small business concern that (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran. Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38

U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16). Offers are solicited only from Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business concerns. Offers received from concerns that are not Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business concerns shall not be considered. By submission of a quotation/offer, the supplier represents that it is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business concern.

**Notice of HUBZone Small Business Concern Set-Aside**

"HUBZone small business concern," as used in this paragraph, means a small business concern that appears on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration. **Quotations** are solicited only from HUBZone small business concerns. **Quotations** received from concerns that are not HUBZone small business concerns shall not be considered.

**Small Business Size Standard**

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard appears on the request for quotation form. However, the small business size standard for a concern which submits a quotation in its own name, other than a construction or service subcontract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

## **Additional Requirements**

### **Pre-Award Quality Assurance (QA) Audit**

The supplier may be evaluated by SRNS, prior to purchase order award, to assess the ability of the firm to meet the QA requirements of the request for quotation. This evaluation typically involves a visit by one or more SRNS representatives to the supplier's facilities, review of the appropriate QA procedures, programs and methods, and objective evidence of successful implementation of the same.

### **Non-Proliferation**

If any item(s) proposed under the request for quotation are foreign made and will require importation into the United States to fulfill the requirements of a purchase order, the supplier, by submission of a quotation represents that delivery of such items under any resultant purchase order will not violate any non-proliferation laws, rules or regulations of the country or countries from which the materials are to be exported.

### **Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer**

A. Payments under any order resulting from this solicitation shall be by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). To facilitate payment by EFT, and in accordance with the Article of the General Provisions/Terms and Conditions titled "Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer", the Supplier shall complete and submit no later than 15 days after receipt of the order, the SRNS form titled "SRNS Vendor Authorization for Automatic Electronic Deposit of Invoice Payments" to the office designated below. Submission of the form under this subcontract is not required if the Supplier has previously provided the information to SRNS, and the data is still current. The form can be downloaded from the SRS Internet Home page referenced herein.

SRNS Accounts Payable

P. O. Box 6809

Aiken, SC 29804-6809

Electronic Address: [srns-acctspay@srs.gov](mailto:srns-acctspay@srs.gov)

B. If you are a nonresident South Carolina Subcontractor, withholdings required by section 12-8-550 do not apply to payments on Orders for tangible personal property when those payments are not accompanied by services to be performed within the state of South Carolina.

(1) Under Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, section 12-8-550, two (2) percent of each and every payment made to Subcontractors/Suppliers who are nonresidents of the State of South Carolina and are conducting a business or performing personal services of a temporary nature carried on within South Carolina must be forwarded to the South Carolina Tax Commission in cases where an Order or a Subcontract exceeds or could reasonably be expected to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

(2) Under Title 12 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, section 12-8-540, seven (7) percent (five (5) percent for corporations) of each and every payment of rentals or royalties to Subcontractors/Suppliers who are nonresidents of the State of South Carolina must be forwarded to the South Carolina Tax Commission in cases where the payments amount to twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) or more a year.

(3) (For applicable Subcontracts and Purchase Orders) Registration with the South Carolina Department of Revenue will be the responsibility of the Subcontractor/Supplier. Proof of such registration shall be provided to [ASG@srs.gov](mailto:ASG@srs.gov) and SRNS Procurement Representative by providing a copy of the I-312 Affidavit of Registration with the South Carolina Department of Revenue or the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office, or proof of having posted the appropriate bond with the South Carolina Tax Commission.

### **Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information (UCNI)**

Certain documents included within the request for quotation contain Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information (UCNI). UCNI is defined as certain unclassified but sensitive Government information concerning nuclear material, weapons, and components whose dissemination is controlled under Section 148 of the Atomic Energy Act. Documents included in the request for quotation that contain such data are marked as follows:

UNCLASSIFIED CONTROLLED NUCLEAR INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION

Suppliers are advised that access to UCNI shall be limited to persons meeting the criteria in the Department of Energy Order DOE O 471.1A, and is to be used exclusively for the purpose of preparing quotations under the solicitation. Suppliers shall adhere to the following requirements concerning the use, protection and disposition of UCNI included in the request for quotation:

- 1        Ensure access to UCNI is provided to only those individuals authorized for routine or special access (see DOE M 471.1-1, Chapter II)
- 2        Ensure that matter identified as UCNI is protected in accordance with the instructions contained in DOE M 471.1-1, Chapter II.
- 3        Report any incident involving the unauthorized disclosure of UCNI to the SRNS Procurement Representative and/or the SRNS Safeguards and Security Office.

Unsuccessful suppliers shall return all documents containing UCNI to the SRNS Procurement Representative for disposition. Documents shall be packaged in a single, opaque envelope or wrapping and delivered by U.S. Mail, commercial carrier or hand-carried by individuals authorized access in accordance with Paragraph 1 above. The DOE directives referenced herein can be accessed on the DOE Directives Home Page at <http://www.directives.doe.gov/>

### **Product Demonstrations**

SRNS will use a product demonstration as an evaluation tool to assist in better understanding the capabilities of the supplier's product(s). This will allow SRNS to place emphasis on key functionality and to understand how the product would operate in the context of SRNS's environment. **Only those suppliers selected by SRNS** will be asked to conduct a demonstration utilizing a SRNS developed script, and the supplier is expected to address each specific operation utilizing the unique capabilities of its product offering. Supplier's selected to demonstrate will be notified of the time and exact location for their demonstration

### **Defense Priorities Allocation Rating**

Defense Priorities Allocation Rating - Any Contract awarded as a result of this solicitation will be a DO rated Order, certified for national defense, emergency preparedness, and energy program use, under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) (15 CFR 700), and the Contractor will be required to follow all of the requirements of this regulation. Should any applicable DPAS regulations pertaining to acceptance and rejection of rated Orders (see 15 CFR 700.13), preferential scheduling (see 15 CFR 700.14), extension of priority ratings (see 15 CFR 700.15) changes or cancellations of priority ratings and rated Orders (see 15 CFR 700.16) use of rated Orders (see 15 CFR 700.17), and limitations on placing rated Orders (see 15 CFR 700.18) conflict with this Agreement, then the DPAS will control.

15 CFR 700.17 provides an exemption for all Orders less than \$75,000, or one half of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Simplified Acquisition Threshold, (see FAR 2.101) whichever amount is larger, provided that delivery can be obtained in a timely fashion without the use of the priority rating.

**This rating must be passed on to Subtier Suppliers in all cases to ensure delivery of the items or services required. Any Contract award will be rated (DO-E1 for Construction or DO-E2 for Operations). Reference FAR 52.211-14.**

### **Quality Assurance (QA) Requirements for Procurement Level 1**

The supplier shall implement the QA program established by the QA Program Document accepted by SRNS at the time of purchase order award (document number, revision and date will be inserted in the purchase order). Any revision to the QA program must be submitted to the Procurement Representative for review prior to implementation on SRNS work.

### **Quality Assurance (QA) Requirements for Procurement Level 2**

The supplier shall implement the QA program established by the QA Program Document accepted by SRNS at the time of purchase order award (document number, revision and date will be inserted in the purchase order). Any revision to the QA program must be submitted to the Procurement Representative for review prior to implementation on SRNS work.

**Environmentally Preferred Products**

In accordance with Executive Order 13423, entitled “Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management”, SRNS is committed to purchase items that contain recycled materials, as designated by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG).

A. If the item(s) requested in this solicitation are available, or can be made with recovered (recycled) materials, the supplier should identify those items in a separate attachment to the quote as an alternate quotation. The supplier should include a full description of the alternate item, the percent of recycled content or the reason the item is environmentally preferred, the price and the delivery availability of the item.

B. SRNS reserves the right to give preference to environmentally preferred products regardless of price and delivery if it is determined to be in the best interest of SRNS, the DOE and the Government.